Setting up of Gas-based Power Plant by N.T.P.C. in Andhra Pradesh

2116. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with NTPC to set up gas-based power plants in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has submitted a proposal for the setting up of Godavari Gas-based Power Project (800 MW/400 MW) in the Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh.

Punctuality of flights of Indian Airlines

2117. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines has not been able to maintain their flight schedules for the last six months; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the punctuality of various flights of the Indain Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) During the period January-June, 1990, over 65 per cent flights of Indian Airlines left on time. Only 3.87 per cent flights were delayed or cancelled due to reasons attributable to Indian Airlines, while the remaining delays and cancellations were due to adverse weather conditions, inadequate airport facilities and miscellaneous reasons.

(b) In order to improve 'on time performance' Indian Airlines has taken the following measures::—

—As and when there is likely to be a servicing delay, Chief Engg. Managers at the base stations are required to visit the Maintenance Hangers at night and discuss the situation for corrective action, if any ;

—Regional Directors are required to take daily meetings with the operating Departmental Heads to review reasons for significant delays;

—Schedules are framed providing adequate cushioning and ensuring that aircraft and crew are not over-stretched.

Financial Allocation to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

2118. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the financial allocations made by the Central Government to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board during the Seventh Five Year Plan along with the details of amount utilised year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): As per the information received from the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity